

Transportation FAQs

Telecommuting

Why not develop formal telecommuting policies to encourage more people to work from home and have less of a need for parking spaces?

Answer: There is a formal telecommute policy at LBNL outlined in 2.06 of the RPM. Employees should discuss with their supervisor their individual option to telecommute.

Buses

Can buses be flagged along their routes to pick up employees who aren't near the bus stop?

Answer: No. Because of safety concerns, buses may not stop anywhere except designated bus stops.

Pay for Parking

Why not charge for parking?

Answer: We are currently looking into this. However, any monies received would go back to the US Treasury and as the Laboratory, we would not be able to recoup any of the dollars paid.

Can we pay people to not park?

Answer: No. The Lab is funded by the government and cannot use funds in this way.

What incentives are available to not park at the Lab?

Answer: There are a number of alternatives. For example, the Lab participates in WageWorks which provides pre-tax benefits options to employees using public transportation; another alternative is Zimride which is a ride sharing program that the Lab participates in. We are currently looking into an expanded employee shuttle route; valet parking and off site parking.

Parking Structure

Is there any possibility of creating a multi-level parking structure in "the pit" area?

Answer: The availability of a parking structure on site has been reviewed a number of times. The cost to fund a parking structure would be prohibitive.

Carpool

What is the current carpool policy?

Answer: We are currently updating the carpool policy for clarity and more informational. There will be more information forthcoming. Currently, if you stop at the main gate and have 3 or more persons in your car, you will be given a carpool parking pass for the day.

The Laboratory participates in the Zimride which is a ridesharing program. Additional information on Zimride can be found at: <http://zimride.lbl.gov/>

What are the incentives for carpooling (i.e. preferred parking, designated parking tags, monetary rewards)?

Answer: We are looking into what incentives we can offer carpoolers as we update the carpool policy. There will more information forthcoming.

Bicycle

What options are available to Bike to Work?

Answer: All the Shuttle Buses are equipped with bike racks to transport your bike if you chose not to ride the bike up or down the hill. Additionally, there are bike racks around the hill to store and lock your bike around the Lab. There are also shower facilities for the riders use. The list of available showers can be found at: <http://www.lbl.gov/Workplace/shower-locations.html>

Additional information on biking at LBNL can be found at: <http://eetd.lbl.gov/bikes/>

Contractor Parking

Is there contractor parking on site and if so why?

Answer: Contractors who perform administrative type work (typically assigned from a temporary agency, are not authorized to park on site. Contractors who are doing construction type work, have an assigned lot to park their vehicles which is one that is blocked off for the construction. We are looking into having Contractors Park off site and bussed up the hill.

Reserved Spaces

Why do we have reserved spaces for guests? Often times the spaces are not used.

Answer: Providing reserved parking for meeting guests has been our policy and not one that will be changed. Employees reserving parking for their guests should reserve spaces for the time the guest will be at the Lab as well as canceling parking requests if there is a change to the guest availability. When available, rovers will check the reserved spaces to ensure that the space is being used appropriately.